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SUBJ: JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT KIM IL SUNG HAS CHOSEN SON KIM
CHUNG IL AS SUCCESSOR

1. JAPANESE PRESS GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO FEBRUARY 24 KYODO NEWS
SERVICE REPORT THAT NORTH KOREAN LEADER KIM IL SUNG HAD FORMALLY
CHOSEN ELDEST SON KIM CHUNG IL AS HIS SUCCESSOR. CITING "KOREAN
SOURCES WELL INFORMED ON NORTH KOREAN AFFAIRS," KYODO SAID POLI-
TICAL COMMITTEE OF KOREAN OWRKERS PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD REC-
OMMENDED THAT KIM CHUNG IL SUCCEED HIS FATHER. REPORTEDLY, POLI-
TBURO'S RECOMMENDATION HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO SENIOR CADRE OF CHOSEN
SOREN, PRO-NORTH KOREAN ORGANIZATION IN JAPAN, IN BRIEFINGS FEB-
RUARY 2 AND 3. KYODO CONCLUDED THAT FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF KIM CHUNG
IL WOULD BE DECLARED ON PRESIDENT KIM'S 65TH BIRTHDAY, APRIL 15,
OR AT SIXTH PARTY CONVENTION EXPECTED LATER THIS YEAR.

2. FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIA DEPDIR KAWASHIMA TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOJ HAD
NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM OR DENY KYODO REPORT, BUT THAT FONOFF'S
INITIAL REACTION WAS SKEPTICISM.

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